Export of Rubber.

222. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of rubber exported from the Port of Alleppey during 1933?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : 7,31,139 lbs.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the total quantity of rubber exported from the port of Alleppey has been taken into account by the Government of India in fixing the quota for India under the Rubber Restriction Scheme?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I have no information on the point.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the Government of India Statistics furnish the figures of exports through the ports of Indian States?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I claim notice.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know whether the Travancore Government was consulted before the information was furnished to the Committee.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Not consulted.

Construction of a road on the eastern side of the Alleppey-Shertala canal.

223. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they propose to construct a road in the near future on the eastern side of the Alleppey-Shertala canal from Alleppey to Kommady road ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the great difficulties, especially in the rainy season, caused to the people living on the eastern side of the canal for want of a road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) ; May I know the probable length of the road if it is to be constructed.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I have no information.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : What will be the actual cost to be incurred?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Cost would be about Rs. 60,000.

Alleppey-Changanachery canal.

224. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the scheme for opening the Alleppey-Changanachery canal is now (19-9-1109) and whether they propose to do anything in connection with that now?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Of the three sections the field portion of the first two sections of the canal has been excavated and garden portions at either end of the first section and west end of the second section have not been touched for want of lands. The work has to wait till financial conditions improve.

Toll-gate on the Vaikom-Udayamperoor Road.

225. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there is a toll-gate opened on the Vaikom-Udayamperoor road ; and

(*b*) if so, when ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From the beginning of 1109 M. E.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know from the member whether more facilities would be provided for passengers, by opening of toll-gates.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : What facilities are referred to ?

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : By opening toll-gates Government is getting more income. I ask Government whether more facilities are provided for passengers and vehicles that pass along that road.

PRESIDENT : To justify the opening of toll-gate. Is that the question ?

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Toll-gate receipts are spent on repairs to roads.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether there are two ferries on that road.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I believe there are.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether the *Junghars* supplied to these ferries have been reduced from 2 to 1 for crossing vehicles.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I do not know.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether any definite percentage of the income derived from toll-gates is spent on the maintenance of roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether there is any separate account kept by the P. W. D. for ascertaining the collection from each of the toll-gates.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether Government have considered the necessity for the maintenance of such separate account ?

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